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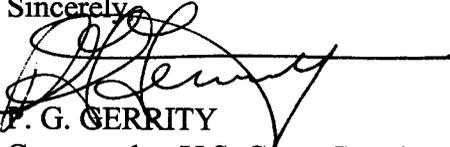


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Removal of Restricted Tug and Barge Operations

The COTP Detroit is lifting the prohibition on the movement of tug and barge operations where the total horsepower is lower than 6000 HP, as imposed by Marine Safety Information Bulletin 03-2004. Current ice conditions and projected warmer weather forecasts mean these restrictions are no longer necessary. The Joint United States and Canadian Coast Guard Ice Command Sarnia will continue to assess ice conditions on a daily basis. These restrictions may again be imposed if significant changes in ice conditions warrant. Mariners are reminded to continue to submit Tug and Barge Transit Plans as per Marine Safety Information Bulletin 20-2003.

Sincerely,



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